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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A wavelength-division-multiplexed passive optical network comprising:

a central office in which a multi-wavelength lasing source is located, said multi-wavelength lasing source having a multiplexing/demultiplexing unit and a plurality of reflectors comprised of mirrors coupled to the multiplexing/demultiplexing unit to reflect demultiplexed signals back to the multiplexing/demultiplexing unit;

a plurality of subscriber terminals for transmitting an upward signal using a reflected signal of a multi-wavelength signal transmitted from the central office; and

a local office disposed between the central office and the subscriber terminals via optical fibers for demultiplexing the multi-wavelength signal transmitted from the central office and for multiplexing signals from each of the subscriber terminals;

wherein the lasing source comprises:

a laser diode;

a circulator;

a first and second optical distributor;

a first optical amplifier coupled to the circulator and first and second optical distributor;

said multiplexing/demultiplexing unit coupled to the circulator;

a filter coupled to the circulator and a second optical amplifier; and

wherein the lasing source further comprises a second circulator coupled to said multiplexing/demultiplexing unit, the second optical distributor and the local office.

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2. (Previously presented) A wavelength-division-multiplexed passive optical network as claimed in claim 1, wherein the central office comprises:

a first optical amplifier for generating amplified spontaneous emission noise;

the multiplexing/demultiplexing unit having a first input/output terminal and a plurality of upward signal output terminals at a first side portion so as to receive the amplified spontaneous emission noise and to output a multi-wavelength lasing light, and a plurality of second input/output terminals and an upward signal input terminal for a multi-wavelength lasing light generation at the first side portion so as to output a multi-wavelength lasing light multiplexed in response to the input of the amplified spontaneous emission noise and to demultiplex and to output the upward signal in response to the input of the upward signal;

a plurality of upward signal receivers coupled to the upward signal output terminals at the first side portion of the multiplexing/demultiplexing unit in one-to-one correspondence;

the plurality of reflectors is coupled in one-to-one correspondence to the second input/output terminals at the second side portion of the multiplexing/demultiplexing unit, for reflecting said demultiplexed signals outputted through the second input/output terminals back to the second input/output terminals; and

a circulator for outputting a multi-wavelength lasing light inputted from the multiplexing/demultiplexing device to the local office and transmitting an upward signal inputted from the local office to the upward signal input terminal of the multiplexing/demultiplexing unit.

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3. (Previously presented) A wavelength-division-multiplexed passive optical network as claimed in claim 2, wherein the multiplexing/demultiplexing unit is an $N \times N$ waveguide grating router.

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Previously presented) A wavelength-division-multiplexed passive optical network as claimed in claim 2, wherein the central office further comprises an external modulator for modulating a multi-wavelength lasing light outputted from the multiplexing/demultiplexing unit on the basis of predetermined broadcasting service signals and for outputting the modulated signal to the circulator.

6. (Original) A wavelength-division-multiplexed passive optical network as claimed in claim 5, wherein the external modulator is a LiNbO_3 modulator.

7. (Original) A wavelength-division-multiplexed passive optical network as claimed in claim 5, wherein the external modulator is an electro-absorption modulator.

8. (Original) A wavelength-division-multiplexed passive optical network as claimed in claim 5, wherein the external modulator is a semiconductor optical amplifier.

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9. (Original) A wavelength-division-multiplexed passive optical network as claimed in claim 1, wherein the subscriber terminal includes a reflective optical amplification means.
10. (Original) A wavelength-division-multiplexed passive optical network as claimed in claim 9, wherein the reflective optical amplification means is a reflective semiconductor optical amplifier.
11. (Original) A wavelength-division-multiplexed passive optical network as claimed in claim 10, wherein the reflective semiconductor optical amplifier comprises an anti-reflection coating face formed on one side, a high-reflection coating face formed on another side, and a gain medium formed between the anti-reflection coating face and the high-reflection coating face, so that the semiconductor optical amplifier total-reflects a signal inputted through the anti-reflection coating face by the high-reflection coating face and outputs the total-reflected signal.
12. (Previously presented) A wavelength-division-multiplexed passive optical network as claimed in claim 11, wherein the semiconductor optical amplifier further amplifies and modulates the signal when the signal passes the gain medium.
13. (Original) A wavelength-division-multiplexed passive optical network as claimed in claim 9, wherein the subscriber terminal further comprises an optical distributor and a broadcasting data optical receiver so as to receive a broadcasting service

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signal, the optical distributor distributing downward signals inputted from the local office to the reflective optical amplification means and the broadcasting data optical receiver.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A wavelength-division-multiplexed passive optical network as claimed in claim 141, wherein the lasing source further comprises an upward data receiver coupled to said multiplexing/demultiplexing unit.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A wavelength-division-multiplexed passive optical network as claimed in claim 161, wherein an external modulator is coupled between the second circulator and the second optical distributor.

18. (Previously Presented) A wavelength-division-multiplexed passive optical network as claimed in claim 9, wherein the subscriber terminal further comprises:

a broadcast reception optical receiver; and

an optical distributor coupled to the a reflective optical amplification means, the broadcast reception optical receiver and the local office.